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1. WITH TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL TRAPPINGS SET ASIDE

BECAUSE OF CONTINUING OCCUPATION OF FRENCH EMBASSY BY THREE JAPANESE TERRORISTS, DUTCH PARLIAMENT WAS FORMALLY OPENED SEPTEMBER 17 FOR NEW SESSION BY QUEEN JULIANA. TRADITIONAL GOLDEN COACH RIDE BY QUEEN FROM PALACE, WHICH IS WITHIN CORDONED OFF AREA AROUND FRENCH AND US EMBASSIES, WAS CANCELLED, AS WAS USE OF CEREMONIAL DRESS BY GON AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS.

2. IN SPEECH FROM THRONE, QUEEN OUTLINED PROGRAMS AND POLICIES WHICH CURRENT DUTCH LEFT-CENTER COALITION GOVERNMENT PLANS PURSUE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS:

A) FOREIGN POLICY-- GON WELCOMES NEW GOVERNMENTS IN GREECE AND PORTUGAL "WHICH WANT TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY". TIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WITH EC MUST BE STRENGTHENED.

B) DEVELOPMENT AID -- DUTCH AID TO BE INCREASED BY A THIRD IN COMING YEAR. FOUR YEAR PLAN ENVISAGES ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF NATIONAL INCOME FOR DEVELOPMENT AID. AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO BE DETERMINED BY "DEGREE OF POVERTY, THEIR NEED FOR ASSISTANCE AND THE TYPE POLICY THEY PURSUE".

C) DEFENSE -- GON BELIEVES ITS DEFENSE MEMORANDUM PROVIDES FOR A FORCE OF "HIGH QUALITY WHICH WILL BE CAPABLE OF MEETING ITS NATO COMMITMENTS". GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE "TO PROMOTE SUCCESS AT AN EARLY DATE" OF MBFR TALKS AND TO ENSURE THAT CSCE "WILL STILL BE ABLE MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE". A BAN ON ALL NUCLEAR TESTS IS NECESSARY TOWARD CURBING ARMS RACE.

D. ECONOMIC -- BUDGET IS BEING DRAWN TO COVER FOUR-YEAR FRAMEWORK FOR POLICY COMMITMENTS. GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INCREASE CONSIDERABLY EXPENDITURES ON WELFARE, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SECURITY, AS WELL AS SUBSIDIES FOR HOUSING, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND URBAN RENEWAL. AT SAME TIME GON PROPOSES EASE TAX BURDEN, WITH LOWER INCOME GROUPS TO BENEFIT MOST AS A CAPITAL GAINS TAX TO BE INTRODUCED AND WEALTH TAX TO BE MAINTAINED AT CURRENT LEVEL. INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES WILL PROVIDE WORK FOR SOME 45,000, WITH ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC MEASURES TO COMBAT RISING UNEMPLOYMENT TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. GON PROPOSES TO SLOW GROWTH IN CONSUMPTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ENERGY AND TO INCREASE ITS SHARE OF REVENUES FROM NATURAL GAS.

E) GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO PUBLIC -- GON WILL INTRODUCE BILLS CONCERNING OPENNESS AND PUBLICITY IN GOVERNMENT, APPOINTMENT OF AN OMBUDSMAN, AND RIGHT OF APPEAL AGAINST CERTAIN EMPLOYER DECISIONS. POLICE FORCES WILL BE STRENGTHENED. A NATIONAL EMANCIPATION ADVISORY COMMISSION WILL BE ESTABLISHED

TO FURTHER WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND THE GON AIMS TO MAKE
EQUAL PAY OBLIGATORY BY JAN 1, 1975.

3. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT. SUMMARY OF
BUDGET AND UNDERLYING ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS WILL BE
IN SEPTELS.
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